

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. CHRISTIAN EUSEBIO TO THE COMMUNITY OF GUAM IN PERFORMING OUR ISLAND'S FIRST BARIATRIC SURGERY

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a community leader and public servant, Dr. Christian Eusebio, and congratulate him on his achievement of performing our island's first bariatric surgery.

On the island of Guam, there has been a dire health crisis characterized by a long-standing, tireless fight against obesity and diabetes. With more than 10 percent of our adult population diagnosed with diabetes, childhood obesity rates higher than the mainland United States, and cancer, diabetes, and heart disease among the leading causes of death on our island, our community suffers from these associated conditions at epidemic proportions. Further, a lack of comprehensive health resources and options amplifies this issue for those who need unique medical support like metabolic programs. Often, this results in many of our people seeking specific medical attention off-island or, for others, the acceptance of their conditions due to a lack of financial means for accessing treatments unavailable on Guam. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, these complex barriers to health have been further compounded, but the hard work of Dr. Eusebio has emerged as a beacon of hope we can cling to as we face some of our island's most challenging times.

Driven by the desire to make a positive difference in the world, inspired by his father, and motivated by the imperative to serve as a good role model for his children, Dr. Eusebio navigated a unique path into the field of medicine after earning degrees from the University of Connecticut, Howard University, and Ross University School of Medicine. While Dr. Eusebio has many accomplishments, which include becoming a board-certified surgeon, the first of his residency class to become a Fellow of the American College Surgeons, obtaining a Professional and Technology Scholarship through the University of Guam, and earning the Medical Student Resident Teacher of the Year Award at the University of South Florida, he also proudly represents our island as the first person from Guam to obtain the Nizar Oweida scholarship for his work in rural surgery.

Prior to Dr. Eusebio's bariatric work on Guam, no such option was available for our people. However, in taking the lead among medical professionals for creating this valuable resource to our community, he has concretely provided a second chance at life for many on our island who have found themselves at a standstill. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the people of Guam, offering my greatest ap-

preciation for his commitment to improving the quality of health care to our island community and the wider Micronesian region. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize a man who is actively working to open another, much needed door to the collective health and wellbeing of our people and congratulate him on a successful inaugural bariatric surgery. I wish him the best as he continues on his surgical journey, and I look forward to seeing the programmatic developments he will achieve in the coming years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPORT SECURITY AND FAIRNESS ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, since 1938 the intention of de minimis in U.S. trade law has been to ease the burden on the U.S. government related to processing imports—the revenue collected from imports of low value simply wasn't worth the effort. Instead of going through a formal process, these low-value imports enjoyed simplified import processes and didn't have to pay any duties, taxes, or fees due to the U.S. government. The original limit for such low value de minimis shipments was \$1.

The government has significantly raised this limit since 1938, to \$200 in 1990s and most recently to \$800 in 2016. The latest increase has coincided with an explosion in e-commerce packages that use the de minimis provision to enter the United States, currently more than two million packages per day. This influx of imports that do not pay duties, taxes, and fees and provide less data to the U.S. government has created a wide-ranging set of unaddressed issues, including compliance with U.S. laws and American competitiveness.

Regulators including U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission have raised strong concerns about compliance with basic U.S. laws designed to protect the United States from unsafe and illicit imports, including goods made with forced labor. Plus, imports that don't have to pay duties, taxes, and fees at the border gain a significant competitive advantage over other similar products, particularly when imported from countries with markets distorted by government intervention.

The Import Security and Fairness Act addresses these concerns by prohibiting goods from countries that are both non-market economies and on the U.S. Trade Representative's (USTR) Priority Watch List from using de minimis. The legislation also prohibits goods subject to enforcement actions from using de minimis and closes the loophole for offshore distribution or processing facilities.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact the Import Security and Fairness Act and improve compliance with U.S. law and American competitiveness.

RECOGNIZING LT. COLONEL FLOYDRIDGE UNDERWOOD

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Colonel Floydridge Underwood's devotion to our nation and his commitment to serving the JROTC program.

Lt. Col. Underwood was born in Selma, Alabama and knew at the age of 7 that he wanted to serve in the armed forces. He enlisted in the Air Force immediately after high school.

He rose through the ranks and was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel over the years. He served in the Air Force for 26 years serving through 22 different assignments.

During his time in the Air Force, he found himself leaning towards giving back to the community the knowledge he had acquired through his service.

Lt. Col. Underwood was selected to serve as the Commander for the JROTC program at Pine Bluff High School. He has served in this role for over 17 years.

During his time as the Commander for the Pine Bluff High School JROTC program, he inspired his cadets to follow this path and join the Armed Forces. More than 30 of his cadets have served in the Armed Forces.

Lt. Col. Underwood will be awarded with the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Salute to Greatness Award.

In Selma, he grew up during the Civil Rights movement and took every opportunity to stay involved in the movement.

In March 1965, Lt. Col. Underwood, this son of Selma joined my friend, late Congressman John Lewis, in crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge enroute to Montgomery and into history.

Lt. Col. Underwood is a great example of an Arkansan who has dedicated his life to defending our Nation, educating our youth, and fighting for freedom of life and liberty.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN RUSSELL

HON. DEBORAH K. ROSS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, John Russell, who passed away on November 30, 2021.

John was a passionate North Carolinian and his contributions to our community will live on for years to come.

Born on October 22, 1954, John spent the early part of his life in Greensboro, North Carolina where he was a proud alumnus and three-sport athlete at Grimsley High School.

Music also played a large role in John's upbringing. Growing up, he was constantly surrounded by Opera. His mother Peggy, was an

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accomplished Opera singer and founded The Opera Company of North Carolina, located in Greensboro. John contributed to his mother's legacy by playing a crucial role in the formation and growth of her company, which eventually evolved into The North Carolina Opera.

Following high school, John went on to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating with the highest honors in English before receiving a Master's Degree in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University.

After graduating from Columbia University, John spent a few years as the youngest editor ever hired by the Houghton Mifflin publishing company before deciding that he wanted to contribute to his community in a different capacity. He left New York to enroll in Harvard Law School, graduating with honors in 1985 before moving to Raleigh.

In our home of Wake County North Carolina, John practiced corporate law at Moore & Van Allen for 12 years. After, he joined Quintiles Transnational Corporation and during his tenure, he rose from Executive Vice President to General Counsel, eventually becoming the Chief Administrative Officer. In 2008, John became a partner in the Life Science Practice of the global law firm K&L Gates, where he practiced until his retirement in 2017.

John was extremely involved in the community and served on many boards and advisory roles including the North Carolina Railroad advisory, the Association of Clinical Research Organizations (ACRO), Elon Law School, the Center for Studies of the American South, the Gilling's School of Global Public Health, and countless others. This work is a testament to his character and his love for the people of our state and our community.

On top of these contributions, John's passion for literature led him to write two novels, "Favorite Sons" (1992), winner of the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for fiction, and "All the Right Circles" (2019). Both examine North Carolina politics, society, and history. He also was an avid member of our Triangle wide book club, and we enjoyed our time together sharing thoughts and opinions about the non-fiction books we read.

John lived an exceptional life, and I will always be grateful that I had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a dedicated husband, devoted father, and a loving uncle and son. He will be forever missed by his wife Kelley, children Caroline, Taylor, Katie, Roddy, Fields, and Bess, as well as his beloved sister Susan, father, John B. Russell, and grandsons George and Oliver. I miss him dearly and look forward to highlighting his legacy and honoring his service to our community for years to come.

HONORING ANGELICA "KELA"
GARCIA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Angelica "Kela" Garcia of Edinburg, Texas, who dedicated her life to serving our country and South Texas. Mrs. Garcia was born on February 7, 1923, in Tabasco, Texas to her

parents, Melecio and Andrea Gonzalez, as the youngest of eight children. At the age of 24, she married Mr. Felipe Garcia, Sr. with whom she lovingly raised nine children: Ramon Garcia, Nora Linda Garcia, Thelma Garcia, Felipe Garcia Jr., Roberto Garcia, Nora G. De Leon, Dalila A. Garcia, Leticia Garcia, and Romeo Garcia.

Mrs. Garcia was the type of person that could accomplish anything she set her mind to. As a young girl, she wanted to learn how to play the piano, so she bartered with the local piano teacher, trading milk from their dairy cow in exchange for piano lessons. That fondness for and dedication to the arts extended beyond music to the poetry of Joyce Kilmer. In elementary school, she developed a talent for recitation, winning poetry recital contests at her school.

After the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941, Mrs. Garcia answered the call to service. She became part of the historic "Rosie the Riveter's Brigade" as an airplane machinist in Marfa, Texas. There, she made critical contributions to our military readiness, work many women had never had the chance to do.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I stand here today to acknowledge the countless achievements and charitable acts of Mrs. Angelica "Kela" Garcia. She devoted her life for the betterment of our community, and I have no doubt that her legacy will be remembered by all who knew her. Her general love for life, her family, her friends, and country is admirable. May she rest in peace.

HONORING RON AND JANE
MCKELVY ON THEIR 50TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two of my constituents who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage on December 5, 2021. Ron and Jane McKelvy of Ringgold, Georgia, should be lauded for the example they have set for their children, community, and country. I salute two true partners in life. May God give them both many years of joy and continued happiness together.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 44TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF KOPPER KETTLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 44th anniversary of the Kopper Kettle explosion in downtown Auburn, Alabama.

Below is the 1978 sermon by Rev. Rod Sinclair at the Episcopal College Center after the explosion occurred:

The explosion at the Kopper Kettle has consumed the time and attention of many of us this week, especially Sunday when it occurred Monday and Tuesday when we were fixing ourselves up and getting heat back

into the building and into the Steven's House. There have been many expressions of gratefulness that no one in town was injured or killed and we have all told each other where we were when we hear of or felt the blast. We have even told each other about other explosions, other calamities and what our reaction was to them. And some of us have gone off into the world of metaphor and analogy and compared the explosion at the Kopper Kettle to what happens to a human being who gets poison in his or her system, poison from unacknowledged anger or poison from unexpressed resentment, and how the pressure can build up an explosion.

There's another type of explosion occurred to me, as it should, being the preacher, which I like to look at this morning. It is the explosion of the spirit and it can be more devastating than what happened last Sunday at Magnolia and Gay.

The explosion of the spirit is what happens when all the things we thought we believed in collapses, when the world of meaning collapses, when the truths that we always thought were true seem untrue, when doubt attacks every item of faith and prevails, and faith seems counterfeit, and trust wanders aimlessly hunting for a place to rest, and when other people's piety bring charges of hypocrisy to our lips. The explosion of the spirit can hit with the force of last Sunday's blast or it can strike in a slow-motion version. Decay is an explosion developing slowly. We can rebuild stores and replace smashed windows, but persons who are smashed by an earthquake under their house of faith have no certainty that they can pick up the pieces, nor may they want to, for their structure no longer has meaning. All that was dear and cherished is splintered and smoking. Their faith is gone, their dreams are smashed, and they have no basis for hope.

What do you do if the explosion of the spirit strikes you? First, I believe you must go to your most trusted friend, not to talk, but to sit in silence—in the presence of the other—in the presence of another human being. And the truth of the presence may be the only truth that is verifiable.

Next, you must allow your friend to care for you. This is more difficult than silence. Nor can it come too quickly. This requires that you give permission to the other to enter your shattered world. And with the entry may come judgment (but surely not!) and may come abject embarrassment (Yes, possibly that) or the painful admission that you are lost in the woods and do not know the way home. (Yes, that too!) Your trusted friend is there to listen, is not therapist, counselor or father confessor (at least not then) and listens to you talk, listens to the starkness of your confession that your religious house of cards proved to be just that, listens to the pain of your isolation—for you are in an empty, flat land by yourself with not so much as four pegs to pitch a tent for shelter. He listens to the description of your futureless future. And the echo of the question "What is there now?" continues to sound in your empty room.

But your friend does not answer your questions; eventually you do. Yet no one can tell you when the eventuality will happen. First, there may be nothing more than the establishing of a routine; but even routine requires a degree of faith. Later, there may be divine word, certainly not acknowledged then as such. From deep within, from the center of your center, may come the word: "Life shall go on." And you know the words are true and your house of meaning receives another plank.

If and when the house is completed, that is, if and when there is a day when you can say: "I believe that the following truths

gives me meaning, and makes sense out of existence, and are the grounds on which I will stake my life," if there is a day when this can be said again, after an explosion of the spirit my hope is that your statement of what you believe would include the following:

First, a trust in God, trust in God as personal and loving, God who loves you, who understands and who cares for you. Believing that God understands and loves us is the life force that prevents us from dying.

Secondly, a realization that Jesus of Nazareth reveals God to us. We are not blocked or stumped in our search for the knowledge of God. Jesus' love and forgiveness is the indicator of God's love and forgiveness. Believing that Jesus reveals God to us is the life force that guards our spirits from collapsing.

Thirdly, a trust that God is present with and in us, and that his spirit, his power, and his love are with us and in us, his people. We are not left derelict or abandoned, wondering if we shall ever be called for. Believing that God's presence is with us and in us is the life force that builds us up as a community of people seeking to be faithful and prevents us from despairing.

To be able to base your life on those three assertions and know they are true is to return from the land of shadow and mist into the sunlight of a new day.

The person who experiences the bankruptcy of spirit that we have spoken of and who later reclaims and rebuilds, who begins again and whose faith grows from infancy to maturity, has a lot to tell us. My guess is that such a person would share with us such thoughts as:

No one else can say what's true for you. All truth is self-validating.

Much truth, that is not yet perceived as truth, can remain on the shelf: it may be claimed later on. Having swallowed too much once before and exploded, it's best not to bite off more than you can chew. Courage to rebuild is an act of faith.

The process of discovering meaning is an element of meaning itself.

My further guess is that as we met such a person, who had believed again after being crushed by doubt, we could say such words to him or her as:

When you speak, your words are genuine and true. We feel accepted and respected by you.

Your faith is clearly shown in your behavior.

You will be a threat to those whose houses of faith are held together by tape and wire and string and who pretend to believe and who make a great show, but who on the inside are full of emptiness and staleness, brittleness and dust.

You will cause a light to shine on sham religion and there will be some who will be vindictive.

The explosion at the corner last Sunday can cause us to look at the explosion that can come at our centers, the collapsing of our spirit, if we have carelessly claimed to believe, or mimicked the belief of others, and have no faith that is our own. The admission of our doubt, painful though it is, can be the first step to regaining a life of faith and can return us to authentic living in God's presence. God's love is real and His commandments are sure and the community of persons seeking to know what it is to be fruitful is a rich place to set yourself. May He shed his grace on each one of us as we seek truth and walk in faith. Amen.

RECOGNIZING CLARENCE "TAFFY" ABEL AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of the first Native American in the Winter Olympics, Clarence "Taffy" Abel. Over the last century, Taffy's accomplishments have inspired countless people across this nation and the world.

Clarence "Taffy" Abel was born on May 28, 1900, in Sault Ste. Marie as part of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He received the nickname "Taffy" on the hockey rink for his attempts to sneak taffy during class. He spent many summers as a teenager working on the USS *Clover*, visiting ports such as Duluth, delivering supplies to local communities. Following his high school years, he joined the United States National Hockey Team for the first Winter Olympics in 1924. There he became the first Native American to participate in the winter games. He was recognized by his fellow athletes for his patriotism and leadership, helping him become captain of his team and the first person to represent the United States at the Winter Olympics by carrying the flag during the opening ceremonies. Taffy and the U.S. National Hockey Team led a successful tournament run that landed them a silver medal at the conclusion of the Olympics.

Following his time with U.S. Hockey, Taffy went on to lead a successful professional career. After playing for the St. Paul Hockey Club for three seasons in the USAHA, he moved to the Minneapolis Millers where he helped win the CHL title in 1926. Following that title victory, Taffy was recruited by legendary NHL owner, Conn Smythe, to play on the New York Rangers and then later with the Chicago Blackhawks. There he became the first American to become a regular NHL player in a sport that had up until then been overwhelmingly played by Canadians. During his eight-year NHL career, Taffy went on to win two Stanley Cups and was thought of by many of his peers as the best left defenseman in the league. At the conclusion of his career, he played a total of 16 seasons of amateur and professional hockey, received an Olympic silver medal, won two Stanley Cups, and played a total of 333 games in the NHL.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of the first Native American in the Winter Olympics, Clarence "Taffy" Abel. His historic accomplishments are memorialized in the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame and the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Taffy's legacy continues to inspire future generations across Michigan, the United States, and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SENATOR J. WILLIAM LINCOLN

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late James William Lincoln of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, for a life dedicated to public service.

Senator "Bill" Lincoln, as he was known by those close to him, ended his long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease on December 19, 2021. By all accounts, he approached life the same before and after his diagnosis: with action.

Born in 1940, Senator Lincoln worked as a shoe salesman and milk delivery man before being elected district judge. After serving two terms, Senator Lincoln was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where he served from 1972 to 1978. In 1979, he was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate, where he served the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 15 years.

During his tenure, Senator Lincoln was appointed to the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee, Legislative Audit Advisory Committee, and the Joint State Government Commission. He also served as the Chair of the Democratic State Committee from 1991 to 1995.

In 1998, Senator Lincoln was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at the age of 58, but his passion for public service never wavered. Following his time in the State Senate, he worked as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Board and was also appointed by the governor as Commissioner and Secretary-Treasurer to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, where he served for 10 years until 2013.

Among the many titles Senator Lincoln held were husband, father, and friend. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Lincoln, and four sons, James William Jr., Eric, Jerry, and Greg Lincoln, and their families. He leaves his loved ones with not only fond memories, but also a legacy of service to his home state.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life of Senator Bill Lincoln and the tremendous accomplishments and contributions he made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May his leadership and service, particularly in the face of adversity, serve as an example to us all.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT COLONEL GREGORY SEAN MCSWEEN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Sean McSween.

LT COL GREGORY SEAN MCSWEEN

SEPTEMBER 22, 1980—NOVEMBER 9, 2021

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of LtCol Gregory Sean McSween, USMC,

on November 9, 2021. Greg was an extraordinary son, brother, husband, and father who loved his family and country. Survived by his ever-devoted wife, Leanne, and their four beautiful children—Connor Andrew (11), Declan Sean (9), Owen Patrick (7), and Fiona Jane (4)—his legacy as a dedicated family man is showcased in the loving bond shared among his children.

Born at Fort Knox, Kentucky on September 22, 1980, Greg was the second of four children to LTC (Ret) Dave and Ann McSween. Along with older sister Allison (Erik), younger siblings Katie (John) and Brian (Regan), Greg enjoyed a tight-knit upbringing rooted in his Irish Catholic faith. The family endured eight military relocations prior to sixth grade, as Greg's father was an active duty Army officer, culminating his Army career in the Washington, D.C. area. Family roots were established in Alexandria, VA in 1992 and have remained anchored to the area since.

Upon arriving in Alexandria, Greg discovered his love of soccer. This intense relationship carried him through high school, where he earned his status as a true athlete-student. His love of soccer was second in his devotion to escaping responsibility at home while somehow juxtaposing a solo effort to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, like his father.

Following graduation from Bishop Ireton High School in 1999, Greg's passion for soccer carried him to play at Longwood University, where he met Leanne (nee Kibler), in November 2001. He, a walk-on three year player, and she, a three year starter on the women's lacrosse team, cemented a true and impermeable bond which led to the creation of their own team—Team McSween—in the years ahead. Leanne stood with Greg in support as he attended Officer Candidate School while attending Longwood, where he was commissioned in 2003 as a Ground Intelligence Officer in the United States Marine Corps, following in the footsteps of his maternal grandfather.

Upon marrying in June 2006, Leanne stepped naturally into her role as the ultimate Semper Fi wife—never a task too great to undertake or neighbor to befriend. Greg and Leanne welcomed their four children throughout their military relocations with immense pride as they pursued their shared quest for adventure. Together, their travels led to exploring 24 countries with wonder in their journey as a family. Across five military relocations for assignments at Camp Lejeune NC, Quantico VA, Stuttgart Germany, and the Pentagon with five deployments intermixed along the way, Leanne demonstrated her tremendous strength in keeping all the trains running on time. Greg's last assignment on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon finally afforded him the opportunity to live near family with military retirement on the horizon.

Greg is also survived by his wife's family, Andy and Susan Kibler, sister-in-law Glenna (Geoffrey), and brother-in-law Jackson (Amanda). Beyond immediate family, Uncle Greg will be sorely missed by nieces and nephews: Keegan, Adeline, Eloise, Henry, Madison, MacKenzie, Jack, Palmer, and June. In addition, twenty aunts and uncles and 34 first cousins make up a small portion of the extended family that share fond memories of Greg. So ingrained in Greg was his ability to develop deep, lasting friendships throughout all the chapters of his life, and carry that forward despite distance, time, and the daily grind of life.

We join him in the enduring search of the perfect pitch, beer chilled to the right temperature, a well-stoked fire utilizing wood split and stacked by hand, a perfectly timed one-liner delivered with masterful dry

humor, and the warm comfort of a not-too-long embrace as we yearn to find peace with the Irish Goodbye that was ultimately his last measure. We honor his legacy by carrying forward his spirit within each of us. Cheers to our hero until we may see you on the other side.

CONGRATULATING KOBE HALL

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kobe Hall for winning the very first season of the World Wide Dance Challenge.

The World Wide Dance Challenge is an online dance show competition, and the very first of its kind, that was established amid the COVID-19 pandemic. With a new opportunity to engage with dancers from across the world using his unique, ever-evolving talent, Kobe vied for a winning position in the competition, ultimately to provide sustenance as a father of two in a time when the economic effects precipitated by this global pandemic affected millions of families across the globe.

After first discovering dance at the age of 10, Kobe joined Guam's Stargazers Dance Troupe in 2013 and continued developing his skills over the next four years. In the past year, and along with it the changing world that has called on us to spend most of our time at home, Kobe embraced a possibility to reignite the love for the art of dance he first encountered as a young boy. Facing off against 1,200 other skilled dancers in front of a live online audience around two o'clock in the morning CHST, he advanced through five rounds of competition to take the title. Prior to this particular show, Kobe was also able to secure four other titles as a virtual dance competition winner proudly representing Guam and our people.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I would like to extend a proud congratulations to Kobe Hall for his success in the virtually hosted World Wide Dance Challenge. Dancing is an art form that maintains a rich history and presence in cultures worldwide, and I applaud Kobe for staying true to who he is while using his gift to highlight what our small island in the middle of the Pacific has to offer. I would like to further commend him for using his success as a platform for connecting with others, encouraging dancers from our community to explore similar opportunities, and inspiring many to pursue their passions. Kobe's drive, perseverance, character, and talents will surely take him far, and I wish him the best of luck on his journey pursuing a professional dance career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday December 8, 2021, I was unable to cast my vote on roll call vote 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes" on roll call 427, passage of H.R. 2074.

HONORING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. JOHN LONG

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize World War II Veteran John Long for his 95th Birthday and his service to our Nation.

At the end of his senior year in high school in June 1945, John Long was drafted into the United States Army. He was sent to Camp Wheeler in Macon, Georgia for basic infantry training, and it was there that he and his fellow young recruits learned that they were being trained in preparation for the invasion of Japan.

These young infantrymen were being trained with the knowledge and understanding that a major military invasion was being planned that would likely lead to tremendous U.S. sacrifices of more than a million casualties. Ultimately, President Harry S. Truman was unwilling to sacrifice so many American lives and changed the course of history by ordering the first nuclear bomb dropped on Japan.

After the Japanese surrender, Dr. Long's First Infantry Division was sent to Germany to serve in the Army of Occupation, allowing long serving service members to return home. Grateful that his life was spared, Dr. Long returned home after his service with a deep sense of gratitude and pride and earned his Doctor of Chiropractic under the G.I. Bill.

Dr. Long has always held a strong commitment to his fellow veterans and community service. He is a life member of many veterans' organizations and has been recognized on countless occasions for his service to the community.

Turning 95 years old, today, on January 18, 2022, Dr. Long looks back on his dual careers as both a chiropractor and dedicated public servant with great pride and a deep and abiding affection for his country and his community.

Dr. Long is a true American patriot and the 27th Congressional District of New York is deeply grateful for his service and wishes him a happy 95th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HANFORD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one hundred years of distinguished service by Hanford Council No. 2343 of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal organization that espouses the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They were founded in 1882 by Father Michael Joseph McGivney, an American Catholic priest, to help families in need. They have strived to establish Councils of Catholic faith for service of charity and goodwill throughout American communities and abroad.

Hanford Council No. 2343 of the Knights of Columbus was established on February 5, 1922, by parishioners of Saint Brigid's Catholic Church in Hanford, California, to serve and support individuals and organizations in need. Members and families of Hanford Council No. 2343 have carried on the mission of charity and service for 100 years. Their vow to continue the work of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism has led to the betterment of our community.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Hanford Knights of Columbus Council 2343 on their 100th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COLONEL
STEPHEN GOURLEY

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and accomplishments of Colonel Stephen Gourley and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. He took the values from his years of service and cultivated a post-service career that made lasting impacts in our community by educating, advocating, and supporting veterans and their families.

Prior to Colonel Gourley's contributions to our community, he served our nation with honor as a 26-year veteran of the United States Air Force. Throughout his service, he worked on projects in space acquisition and operations—commanding teams and space systems of the highest national importance.

Upon retirement from active duty, Colonel Gourley came to Colorado and began working on behalf of veterans and furthering youth STEM education. After years of service as an active member of the Air Force Association—where he led the development and implementation of StellarXplorers—Colonel Gourley was appointed to serve as the Chair of the Aurora Defense Council. Colonel Gourley worked diligently to ensure the Council continued operating throughout the pandemic—conducting virtual meetings focused on strengthening military healthcare, promoting the aerospace industry, establishing the Aurora Armed Forces Treatment Court, recognizing those who served during the pandemic, and supporting the people and missions of the U.S. Military.

Colonel Gourley's contributions to our country and community epitomize what it means to practice servant leadership. I congratulate Colonel Gourley on his retirement and thank him for his service to our community and Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained en route to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 7.

RECOGNIZING MS. VERONICA
TAYLOR

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pontiac resident and Precinct Delegate Ms. Veronica Taylor. Ms. Taylor is an exuberant figure within our community and one of the most tireless advocates for economic justice, voting and women's rights, and progress for all. On December 20, 2021, Ms. Taylor experienced a major car accident on Perry Street. With a wrecked vehicle and lucky to be alive, Ms. Taylor's fortitude and optimism have seen her through this difficult period. Her light continues to shine on the City of Pontiac and her political work within Oakland County. She continues to bring people together and rise above any challenge. Madam Speaker, Veronica Taylor survived her auto accident through the grace of God; she has more to give to this world, and every one of us will be better off as a result. Please join me from the United States Capitol in saluting Veronica Taylor.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
STEVE PENLAND

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Steve Penland. Steve has spent most of his life as a Christmas tree farmer in York, South Carolina and is a dedicated and compassionate member of our community.

Steve is a true friend of the public, having served his community and our state for over fifty years. In his career as a preeminent Christmas tree farmer in South Carolina and a leader of the South Carolina Christmas Tree Association (SCCTA), Steve has exceeded expectations in service to our state, which is highlighted by his organizing of the annual placement of Christmas trees in the Governor's mansion. Additionally, Steve has served as President of the SCCTA numerous times, is a regular participant in the South Carolina State Fair, and was a pioneer in enhancing Virginia Pine seedlings. Steve remains involved in his community today.

While Steve has officially retired, his legacy continues to be felt throughout our state with the success of South Carolina's Christmas tree industry and his children's commitment to the family tradition that Steve started. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Steve for his lifelong service to our great state and congratulate him on his receipt of the Order of the Palmetto.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR CAPTAIN
MIKE GREEN FOR 46 YEARS OF
SERVICE WITH THE BEAVER IS-
LAND BOAT COMPANY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Senior Captain Mike Green for 46 years of service to his community with his work with the Beaver Island Boat Company. Through his steadfast commitment to transporting the public safely and consistently across Lake Michigan, he has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Mike began his career with the Beaver Island Boat Company (BIBC) as a deckhand in 1975 when he was only 18 years old. He started out alongside his father before eventually taking over the helm himself—a role he has held for 46 years since. Mike's work has been critical for Northern Michigan over the years in facilitating travel to and from Beaver Island for goods, services, and visitors. BIBC operates nine months out of the year, and Mike himself runs over 150 trips annually to ensure customers and cargo make it safely to their destination.

For nearly half a century, Mike has served the public and our community with kindness, professionalism, and compassion. We will miss him at the helm, but we are excited about what his next voyage will be. The example he set as Senior Captain of the Beaver Island Boat Company inspires us all and will continue to do so for future successors of the position.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Senior Captain Mike Green on his career. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a driven leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Mike all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ADOLFO PETER "SGAMBY"
SGAMBELLURI

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Adolfo Peter "Sgamby" Sgambelluri. "Sgamby," as he was widely known, was a retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel and dedicated public servant. Our community will fondly remember him as a civic leader unconditionally devoted to the people of Guam and our Nation.

As a young son of Guam, Colonel Sgambelluri survived the atrocities of World War II and endured through the Japanese occupation of our island. Emboldened by the heroic deeds of his father, who courageously worked as a secret intelligence operative during the war, and the role of American forces in Guam's liberation, Colonel Sgambelluri rose as a resolute defender of the Chamoru people.

After earning his undergraduate degree from Washington State University in 1960, Colonel Sgambelluri was commissioned in the U.S.

Marine Corps and went on to complete numerous national levels of law enforcement training at institutions such as the Military Intelligence School, the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and the National Intelligence Academy for Law Enforcement, before completing his MBA at Pepperdine University in 1975. Climbing his way through the ranks, he eventually reached the distinguished position of colonel and, along this path, became one of the very first CHamoru lieutenant colonels in the Marines. Over the course of his military career, Colonel Sgambelluri served in many roles which included an assignment as a UCMJ Article 32 and JAG Investigator, designation as Officer In-Charge of the Camp Pendleton Criminal Investigation Division, and appointment as Director of Law Enforcement, wherein he practiced worldwide administrative control of the entire U.S. Marine Corps Law Enforcement and Corrections Program. With recognitions such as the Outstanding Executive Manager Award for American Law En-

forcement Professionals, Police Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for Valor, and Legion of Merit Medal for outstanding leadership, Colonel Sgambelluri demonstrated a notable capacity for excellence.

While Colonel Sgambelluri's chapter as an active-duty Marine came to a close after 26 honorable years of military service, this Vietnam War veteran's commitment to the safety of our community was unyielding. His exceptional leadership, wisdom, and expertise extended to his civilian career through prestigious roles such as the Chief of Police of the Guam Police Department, Director of the Guam Department of Corrections, Vice President of Special Projects, Director of Basic Law Enforcement Academy, and Chairman of the Board for the Guam Community College, and U.S. Federal Security Director for the Transportation Security Administration. In addition to his service through these critical positions, Colonel Sgambelluri also contributed greatly to

our community by establishing his private investigations and security agency, Guam Investigations Agency Inc., and offering valuable insight into community-wide conversations on important issues that involved veterans, public safety, and military affairs.

Colonel Sgambelluri is an icon of public safety, dear friend to many, and esteemed advocate for veterans, whose life's work illustrates an unequivocal dedication to others above and before self. I join the people of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and the legacy of living true to the credo of the Marine Corps, *Semper Fidelis*, he leaves behind. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Rosie L.G. Sgambelluri, their children, Michelle, Ana, Adolfo, and Chiara, and their spouses and grandchildren. He will be deeply missed, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the people of Guam.